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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 11 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP
ON THE BRAHIMI REPORT

3 p.m. — closed meeting — Consultation Room

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — 11th meeting — Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*:

Republic of Moldova
Kyrgyzstan
Ethiopia
Myanmar
Tunisia
Lao People's Democratic Republic
UNICEF
Syrian Arab Republic
Oman
Gabon
Thailand

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — 18th meeting — Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110] (A/55/41 (Suppl. No. 41), A/55/201, A/55/297, A/55/442, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/55/163-S/2000/712, A/55/467-S/2000/973*)

Introductory statements, dialogue with senior Secretariat officials and general discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. — 19th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.8 and L.9

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* To be issued.

2. International drug control [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.10

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110] (A/55/41 (Suppl. No. 41), A/55/201, A/55/297, A/55/442, A/55/162-S/2000/715, A/55/163-S/2000/712, A/55/467-S/2000/973*)

Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/55/32, A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/55/430, A/54/849 and A/AC.172/2000/6))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [163] (A/55/33)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Results-based budgeting

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) on all outstanding issues for the resumed substantive session of the Council, to be held on 18 October 2000

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 11 October, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Copies of the draft resolution can be obtained in Room DC2-0458 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea).

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 11 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects)

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held *today*, 11 October 2000, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal (informal) consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Grant Robertson (New Zealand), on item 8 (Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in economic and social fields) will take place *today*, 11 October 2000, in Conference Room D, in the morning, following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Economic and Social Council.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 11 October 2000

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 34 (a) and (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea))

11.15 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on INSTRAW)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Core group members on environmental agenda items)

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

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There will be a closed meeting of the JUSCANZ Group *today*, 11 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (f) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction), organized by the delegations of Mozambique, Nicaragua and Norway, *today*, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 73 (r) (Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*), organized by the delegation of Malaysia, *today*, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of interested delegations and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution to be submitted under agenda items 66 (Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States) and 67 (Maintenance of international security), *today*, 11 October 2000, from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal meeting of the Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention

The informal meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (Biological Weapons Convention) will be held *today*, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention have been invited to attend.

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Announcement

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) will be held *today*, 11 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 12 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	33rd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 2
4 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held in Conference Room 8 on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Copies of the draft resolution can be obtained in Room DC2-0458 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea).

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Cities Without Slums" (agenda item 94 (e)), co-sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (agenda item 94 (e)), the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the World Bank, on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be chaired by Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, will be the moderator. The participants will include H.E. Mr. Sergio Vento, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations; Mayor Hector Silva of San Salvador (El Salvador); Mrs. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat); and Ms. Frannie Leautier, Director, Infrastructure Division, World Bank. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Briefing

There will be a briefing on the World Energy Assessment Report (Energy and the Challenge of Sustainability) under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on Friday, 13 October 2000, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The moderator will be Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director, Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The briefing will be given by Ms. JoAnne DiSano, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and Professor Thomas B. Johansson, Director, Energy and Atmosphere Programme, Division for Sustainable Energy and Environment, United Nations Development Programme. There will be a question-and-answer period.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-aligned Movement on Thursday, 12 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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An Expert Group Meeting on Policy Responses to Population Ageing and Population Decline will meet from 16 to 18 October 2000 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting is organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. A panel discussion will take place on Monday, 16 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, to be submitted under agenda item 73 (General and complete disarmament), organized by the delegation of Canada, on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 11 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Forum will be addressed by Her Majesty Queen Sylvia of Sweden, who will present the work of the World Childhood Foundation. Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefings

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Fourth Conference of the Parties (Bonn, 11-22 December 2000). The briefing will take place on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues on climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 10 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

32nd plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of His Excellency the Honourable Roosevelt Douglas, late Prime Minister of Dominica

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly observed a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of His Excellency the Honourable Roosevelt Douglas, late Prime Minister of Dominica.

The representative of Dominica made a statement.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/55/345/Add 6 and 7) [122]

The General Assembly took note that Chad and Dominica had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

The Assembly also took note that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter. The General Assembly was informed that the information would be reflected in document A/55/345/Add.8.

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)]

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Colombia, Ireland and Singapore were elected members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

Since two seats remained to be filled, one from among the African and Asian States and one from among the Western European and other States, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of procedure, to a second round of balloting restricted to the countries that had obtained the largest number of votes in the first round of balloting, namely Mauritius (95) and the Sudan (69) (from among the African and Asian States), Norway (114) and Italy (94) (from among the Western European and other States).

The results of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Mauritius	102
Sudan	65
Norway	100
Italy	70

As none of these countries had obtained the required majority, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a third round of balloting (second restricted ballot).

The results of the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Mauritius	110
Sudan	58
Norway	110
Italy	62

As none of these countries had obtained the required majority, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot).

The results of the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Mauritius	113
Sudan	55
Norway	115
Italy	57

On the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Mauritius and Norway were elected members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

The following five States were thus elected members of the Security Council for a two year term beginning on 1 January 2001: Colombia, Ireland, Mauritius, Norway and Singapore.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 15.

Programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/55/3/Add.1, which contained a programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings for the period from 10 October and 30 November. The President also informed the Assembly that the lists of speakers for items mentioned in document A/INF/55/3/Add.1 were open.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 10th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued the general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Philippines, Australia, Zambia, Malaysia and Guinea, as well as by the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the representative of Burkina Faso.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 10th meeting

Effects of atomic radiation [82]

The Chairman of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR) made a statement.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statement made by the representatives of Brazil (on behalf of the Member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), as well as Bolivia and Chile), France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA and EEA country member, Norway) Japan, Belarus, Ukraine and the Russian Federation.

The representative of Sweden introduced the draft resolution (A/C.4/55/L.6).

The representative of Belarus made a statement.

On the proposal of the Acting Chairperson, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. the same day.

The Committee decided, on the proposal by the Acting Chairperson, to conclude the general debate and take action on the draft resolution at its following meeting.

Organization of work

On the proposal by the Acting Chairperson and based upon the receipt of a letter from the Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, the Committee decided to defer the consideration of agenda item 85 to a later date, and to reschedule the consideration of the item to 6 and 7 November, immediately after the consideration of agenda item 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East). The Committee also agreed to consider agenda item 87 (Questions relating to information) on 13 and 14 November.

The Acting Chairperson drew members' attention to document A/C.4/55/L.5, which contained the revised text of the draft resolution relating to "Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands". The Committee decided to take action on the draft resolution after the conclusion of the consideration of agenda item 82 at the following meeting.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 11th meeting

Operational activities for development [96]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, India, Saint Lucia (on behalf of CARICOM) and the Republic of Korea.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 96.

Organization of work

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 96 was Wednesday, 11 October, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 16th meeting

Advancement of women [107]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [108]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Oman, Uganda, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Australia, Israel, the Philippines, the United Republic of Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kuwait, Yemen, Venezuela, Cyprus, Tunisia, Lithuania, Angola, Rwanda, Benin, Ghana, Madagascar, Mongolia and Kazakhstan, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The representative of the United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization made a statement.

17th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [103]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.2

It was recalled that, by its resolution 2000/25, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.2.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/55/167.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [104]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.6

The representative of Spain announced that Algeria, Argentina, Cape Verde, the Czech Republic, Guatemala, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Malta, Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Poland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Armenia, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, the Congo, China, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.7**

The representative of Lesotho, on behalf of the African States Group, introduced the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [107]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [108]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Croatia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Thailand, the Republic of Korea, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Mali, Guatemala, the Congo, Armenia, Iceland, Turkey, the Dominican Republic, Liberia, Bhutan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Guinea, Cameroon, Botswana, Jamaica, Malaysia, Jordan and Qatar.

The representative of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, an intergovernmental organization, made a statement.

The Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women made some concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of items 107 and 108.

Organization of work

The Chairperson announced that, with regret, it had not been possible for the Committee to hear the introduction, under agenda item 106, of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/55/L.10. The draft resolution would therefore be introduced on Wednesday afternoon, 11 October. At that time, the Committee would also hear the introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.9, under item 105.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

On Thursday afternoon, 12 October, the Committee would take action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.3, L.4, L.5, L.7* and L.9 under item 105, and A/C.3/55/L.10 under item 106.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

4th meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-third session [158]

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Kenya, Nigeria, Bahrain, Uganda, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Lithuania, Brazil, the Republic of Korea, the United States, Australia, Egypt, Belarus and Canada.

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law made a concluding statement.

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee also spoke.

The Committee thus concluded its discussion on the agenda item.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE — 253rd meeting

Consideration of the draft resolution on Bethlehem 2000

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee approved the draft resolution entitled "Bethlehem 2000".

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly, contained in document A/AC.183/2000/CRP.2

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the draft report of the Committee.

The Committee adopted its annual report for submission to the General Assembly.

Developments in the Middle East peace process and the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Cyprus, the Syrian Arab Republic, Afghanistan and Senegal.

The Committee adopted a draft statement on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem.

Other matters

The Chairman made an announcement of the upcoming activities of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Accession: Lebanon (5 October 2000)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: New Zealand (9 October 2000)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: New Zealand (9 October 2000)*

Protocol of 1993 extending the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 1986. Geneva, 10 March 1993

Ratification: Morocco (2 October 2000)*

International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 1986, as amended and extended, 1993. Geneva, 1 July 1986

Ratification: Morocco (2 October 2000)*

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, as extended until 30 September 2001, with modifications, by Resolution No. 384 adopted by the International Coffee Council in London on 21 July 1999. London, 30 March 1994

Accession: Bolivia (27 September 2000)*

Accession: Dominican Republic (2 October 2000)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Holy See (10 October 2000)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Holy See (10 October 2000)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Civil Society and the United Nations Conference on Illicit Trade in Small Arms". The briefing will be held on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The programme will begin at 10 a.m. with a screening of the documentary film "A Force More Powerful: A Century of Nonviolent Conflict". Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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World Mental Health Day

In commemoration of World Mental Health Day 2000, the NGO Committee on Mental Health, New York, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), will hold a panel discussion on "Emerging Issues in Mental Health and Work" on Thursday, 12 October 2000, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The honorary guest will be Mr. Neal L. Cohen, MD, Commissioner, New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services. Welcoming remarks will be given by Mr. Gareth Howell, Deputy Director, ILO, and Ms. Nancy Wallace, Chairperson, NGO Committee on Mental Health. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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United Nations documentary

The premiere of the United Nations documentary on small arms "Armed to the Teeth" will take place on Monday, 16 October 2000, at 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Opening remarks will be made by the Secretary-General. The event is co-sponsored by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, and the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, Mr. Kensaku Hogen. Members of Permanent Missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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